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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
(ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY)

Subj: STRONG RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB) WITH COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT AT NAVY CONSTRUCTION BATTALION CENTER
(NCBC) GULFPORT

Ref: (a) Gulf Coast Tenants Organization ltr of 25 Oct 94;
DSN Tasker 4U100327

1. In response to reference (a), I am providing information to assist you in responding to letters from the Gulf Coast Tenants Organization and the West Gulfport Environmental Task Force.

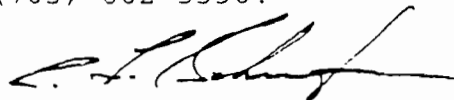
2. The environmental staff at NCBC Gulfport has taken a number of steps to improve the channels of communication and to ensure that the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) reflects both balance and diversity in representing the interests of the affected community. They are working with the Gulf Coast Community Action Agency, the West Gulfport Environmental Task Force and Catholic Charities to identify possible RAB members and foster community coordination during the RAB development process. Several fact sheets have been provided to community leaders, a base tour was conducted, and a public meeting was held in response to a request from the community. Formal RAB development announcements are expected by 1 February 1995. The RAB will be co-chaired by a member selected by the affected community as well a Navy representative selected by the installation.

3. Neither installation personnel nor county health officials have knowledge of health problems in the communities surrounding the base that are attributable to lead or any other contaminant found at NCBC Gulfport. No data currently exists to indicate migration of any contamination off base. Extensive groundwater and surface water sampling was conducted in December 1994. Those results should be available in March 1995. Test results may be reviewed by the RAB or the RAB may wish to solicit independent sources for clarification and interpretation of sampling data. The scope of the RAB, however, does not include conducting independent sampling.

4. As part of the FY1995 appropriation language, the Department of Defense (DOD) is authorized to provide up to \$7 million in technical assistance to Restoration Advisory Boards. DOD is currently developing policy guidance to administer this program. Public comments will be taken into consideration prior to issuance of any final policy.

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5. If further information is required, my point of contact is
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